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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

David Y. Jung

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-64 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-64 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

CLAIMS PRESENTED

Claims 1-64 are presented.

Of which:

Claims 1-21, 46-52, 54, 57, 59, 62, 64 are rejected over PGP; and

Claims 22-45, 53, 55-56, 58, 60-61, 63 are rejected over PGP and admissions against prior art.

Response to Arguments

Applicant asserts that the newly added features are not taught by PGP. This cannot be true because PGP is a well established exemplar of the network security. Such session handlings are inherent in network security.

Applicant's arguments can be divided into two sub-arguments.

First, Applicant argues that session handlings, especially those that use user profiles are not inherent to the situation of PGP and that PGP cannot teach such. This is wrong because PGP inherently applies to user situations. Indeed, the particular cited art even notes emails. Emails are inherently between users.

Second, Applicant argues that virtual air gaps, as claimed, cannot be well known. For this consider the cited reference itself. Using the PGP, the emails are kept private. Thus, there are gaps causing privacy.

In conclusion, Applicant is not yet persuasive.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-21, 46-52, 54, 57, 59, 62, 64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over PGP (Quote from "*E-Mail Security: How to Keep your Electronic Messages Private* by Bruce Schneier; John Wiley & Sons, Inc. 1995 as printed in <http://www.trincoll.edu/depts/cpsc/cryptography/pgp.html> -- cited and provided in an earlier Office Action).

Regarding claim 1, PGP teaches all but "resource" (PGP, example paragraph, session key being used per session, authentication between Chris and Brian, thus a session level authentication).

These passages of PGP does not mention "resource" in the sense of the claim. The claim appears to refer to more than mere email resource; the claim appears to refer to a generalized resource.

Nevertheless, it was well known in the art to (if not in 1995, then at least by the time of the filing date of this application) to control "resource" in such fashion for the motivation of having more complete security.

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Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to modify PGP for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

Regarding claim 2 (reverse proxy, etc.), such particular features are well known in the art for the purpose of handling information across computers. Regarding claim 3 (other layers unaware of the sub-layer handling, etc.), such particular features are well known in the art for the purpose of handling information across computers. For example, PGP itself handles per session. PGP would not necessarily interfere with security handlings of other layers. Regarding claims 3-21, 46-52, 54, 57, 59, 62, 64, such particular features are well known in the art for the purposes of handling information across computers and of security. Regarding claims 46-52, 62, such rulebases are well known in the art for the motivation of efficient control of networks.

Claims 22-45, 53, 55-56, 58, 60-61, 63 are rejected over PGP and admissions against prior art.

Regarding claim 22, PGP teaches all but "virtual gap" (PGP, example paragraph, session key being used per session, authentication between Chris and Brian, thus a session level authentication).

These passages of PGP does not mention "virtual gap" in the sense of the claim.

At pages 1-5 (especially page 3 during discussion of trusted operating system and page 5 during discussion of virtual air gaps), the specification of this application noted that such features are well known in such fashion for the motivation of having more complete security.

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Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to modify PGP for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

Regarding claim 23 (other layers unaware of the sub-layer handling, etc.), such particular features are well known in the art for the purpose of handling information across computers. For example, PGP itself handles per session. Regarding claim 24 (bundling of transport layer, etc.), such features are well known in the art of network for the motivation of efficiency. For example, TCIP/IP itself bundles the transport layer differently than the classic OSI model. Regarding claims 25-45, 53, 55-56, 58, 60-61, 63, such particular features are well known in the art for the purposes of handling information across computers and of security. Regarding claims 29, such rulebases are well known in the art for the motivation of efficient control of networks.

Conclusion

The art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The art disclosed general background.

Points of Contact

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Patent Examiner

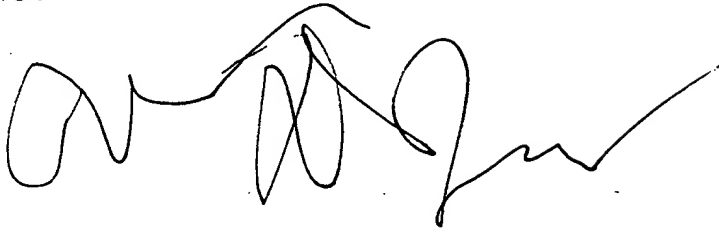
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